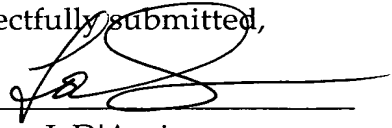


**REMARKS**

Favorable consideration of the response filed November 21, 2003 is respectfully requested.

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